

CAVI – Convening for Action on Vancouver Island *Leadership in Water Sustainability*

2009 Comox Valley Learning Lunch Seminar Series
An Integrated Watershed Approach to Settlement



Getting Ahead of the Wave:
Comox Valley is Demonstrating the Regional Team Approach

**The 2008 and 2009 Learning Lunch Series
have enabled a dialogue in the Comox Valley
about Water Sustainability:**

*“How we will simultaneously work together....
as staff within a municipality and as a region AND
externally with the stewardship sector, developers
and other private sector players....to ensure
we implement a regional stewardship approach to
land and water resource uses.”*

We are here today to debrief you regarding the 'tangible outcomes' from the 2009 Series

1. CV-OPS

(the acronym for Comox Valley Inter-Governmental Engineering/Operations Liaison Group)

2. Planning & Engineering Collaboration Protocol

3. Integration theme for 2010 Series

These *Living Water Smart* commitments frame our *Water OUT = Water IN* learning outcomes

2008 Series had a drainage emphasis:

By 2012....factor in new approaches to securing stream health and the full range of stream benefits

(p 43 Living Water Smart)

2009 Series had a water supply emphasis:

Fifty percent of new municipal water needs will be acquired through conservation by 2020

(p 75 Living Water Smart)

***“Water Sustainability will be achieved
by implementing Green Infrastructure
policies and practices”***

Water Sustainability Action Plan for BC

**Ultimate goal of the regional team approach
is consistency at the front counter !**

THE LEARNING LUNCH CURRICULUM

Seminar #1: *Understand the Dynamics of
Settlement Changes*

Seminar #2: *Regional Plans –
Pathway to Water Sustainability*

Seminar #3: *Commitment to the
Regional Team Approach*

**The ‘regional team approach’
is founded on partnerships and collaboration;
and seeks to align actions at three scales –
provincial, regional and local.**



*“Everyone needs to agree on expectations
and how all the players will work together,
and after that each community can reach
its goals in its own way.”*

Eric Bonham
CAVI Leadership Team

The 'regional team approach' brings together....

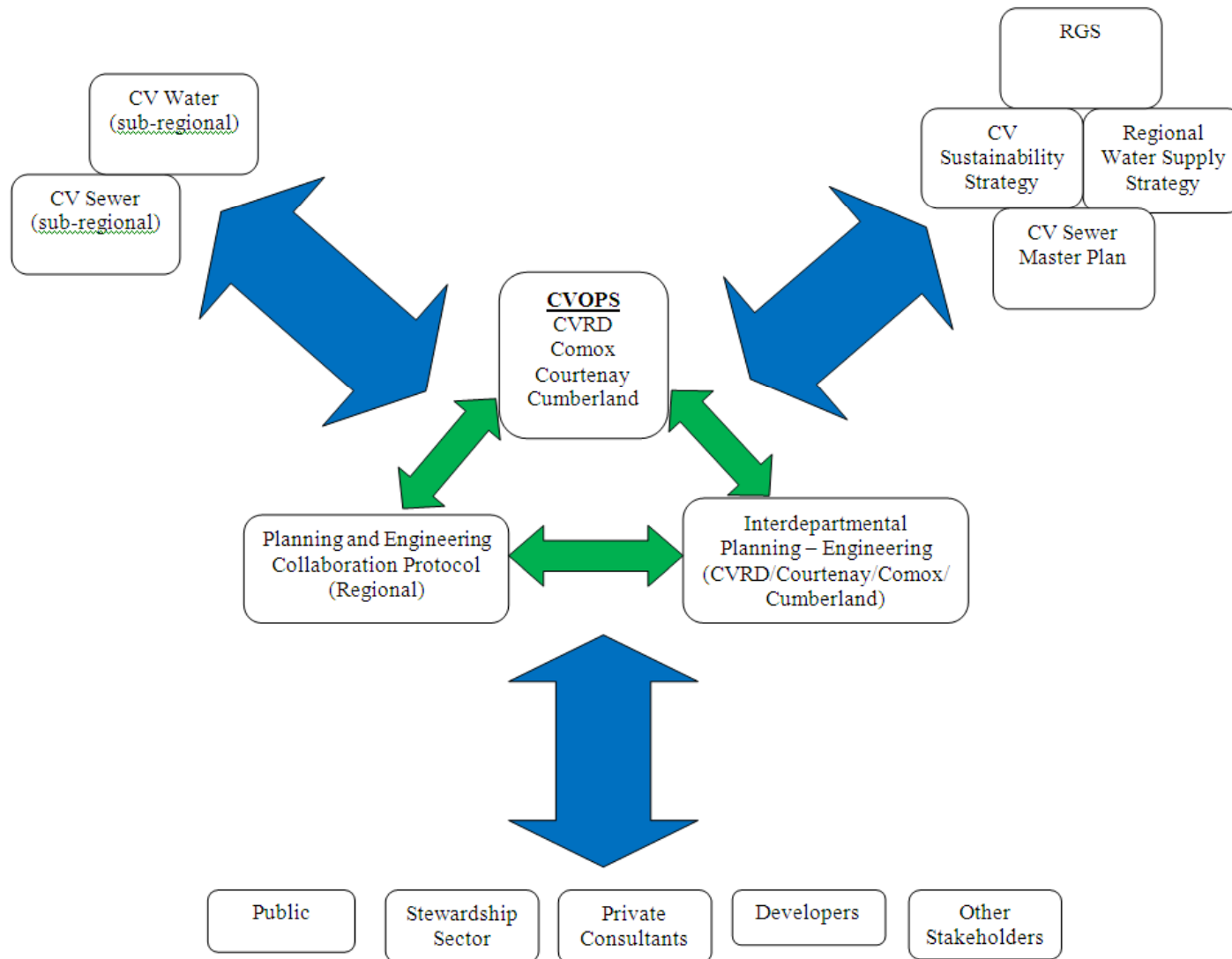
- **The Province** - *those who provide legislative framework*
- **Local Government** - *those who plan and regulate*
- **Developers** - *those who build*
- **Stewardship Sector** – *those who advocate for conservation*
- **Agricultural Sector** – *those who grow food*
- **Academia** - *those who provide research*



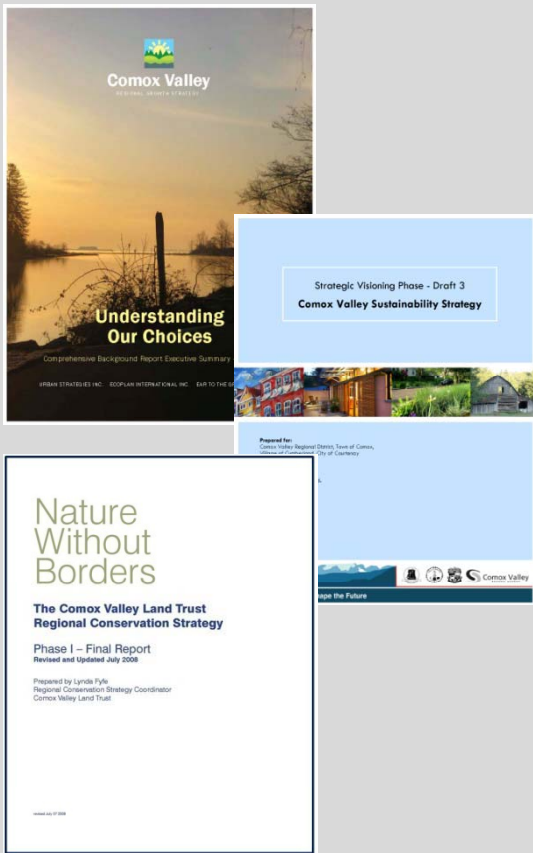
CAVI is facilitating Georgia Basin collaboration

CAVI has facilitated relationship-building within and between four regional districts that represent ~90% of the Island population

A Forum for Integration



Steps to get from here to there:



MOU on Interim Management of Planning & Development Initiatives
implemented through Planning TAC

to

Final Regional Growth Strategy
implemented through OCPs & other regulatory tools by local governments

to

Planning & Engineering Collaboration Protocol for land use and infrastructure integration
implemented through a Planning & Engineering TAC

to

THE GOAL:
An Integrated Watershed Approach to Settlement
that designs with nature & results in Water OUT = Water IN

By working together as a regional team,
we will achieve the goal

